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REMARKS

Claims 2-6 are presently pending in the application and have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claim 1 has been cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution.

The Office Action objects to the Abstract as not conforming with United states practice. A new Abstract is submitted herewith, overcoming this objection.

Objection was made to claim 1 due to a typographical error. The cancellation of claim 1 makes this objection moot.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0000323 A1, in view of Sputhe, U.S. Patent No. 6,487,927 B1. Claims 2-6 were indicated to be allowable, subject to being presented in independent form. Claims 2-4 have been amended to independent form. Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4. Claims 2-6 have also been amended to assure grammatical and idiomatic English and improved form under United States practice. Accordingly, claims 2-6 are allowable.

The Office Action does not indicate acceptance of the formal drawings. Such indication is respectfully requested.

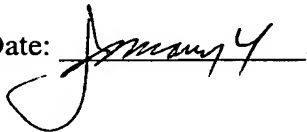
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2-6, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number


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listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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